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## **Kenya – Complex Emergency**

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*Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 9, 2008.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- The April 13 announcement of the formation of a coalition cabinet has led to a reduction in tensions in areas of Kenya affected by the post-election crisis. However, USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff caution that the overall security situation remains tenuous.
- On April 14, the U.N. and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) launched a revised appeal for \$189 million targeting internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other populations impacted by Kenya’s post-election violence, as well as families potentially affected by drought. The revised appeal supplements the original \$41.9 million Kenya Emergency Humanitarian Response Plan announced on January 16 to assist 500,000 people affected by the post-election violence.
- On April 10, USAID/OFDA airlifted 300 rolls of plastic sheeting from USAID/OFDA’s Dubai warehouse to Eldoret town, Rift Valley Province, to upgrade existing camp shelter resources in response to protracted displacement needs compounded by the onset of the March rains. The emergency relief commodities, valued at more than \$165,000 including transport, will improve shelter conditions for approximately 50,000 beneficiaries.
- The USAID/DART continues to conduct field assessments throughout affected regions of central and western Kenya, engage with U.N. and partner relief agencies to identify evolving humanitarian needs, and facilitate coordination and information sharing regarding response and early recovery efforts.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Conflict-affected population at risk of poverty<sup>1</sup></b>	2,000,000	The World Bank – January 18, 2008
<b>Estimated IDPs in camps and centers</b>	157,585	KRCS <sup>2</sup> – April 16, 2008
<b>Estimated IDPs within host communities</b>	196,000	NDOC <sup>3</sup> – March 26, 2008
<b>Deaths<sup>4</sup></b>	1,020	NDOC – April 8, 2008
<b>Kenyan Refugees in Uganda</b>	2,000	UNHCR <sup>5</sup> – April 18, 2008

### **FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

<b>USAID/OFDA Assistance to Kenya</b> .....	<b>\$6,222,429</b>
<b>USAID/FFP<sup>6</sup> Assistance to Kenya</b> .....	<b>\$39,719,000</b>
<b>State/PRM<sup>7</sup> Assistance to Kenya</b> .....	<b>\$10,843,105</b>
<b>Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Kenya</b> .....	<b>\$56,784,534</b>

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- The revised U.N. appeal reflects increased funding for early recovery and food security interventions in support of eventual returns and resettlement and the restoration of livelihoods and farming, once security conditions permit. As humanitarian agencies are preparing to support early recovery efforts, the USAID/DART highlights the need for improved coordination between the GOK and the international relief community in order to avoid gaps in assistance and provide more efficient and effective programming.
- Continued assistance and basic services in camps are required due to the protracted displacement of families from pre-crisis lands. Due to the tenuous political and security environment, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) anticipates that a core group of 100,000 to 150,000 IDPs in camps will not return to pre-conflict areas until reconciliation efforts and resolution of land tenure issues have advanced.

<sup>1</sup> While exact estimates of the total population affected by post-election violence vary, the World Bank estimated that 2 million Kenyans may be driven into poverty as a result of the ongoing complex emergency.

<sup>2</sup> Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS)

<sup>3</sup> The Government of Kenya’s (GOK) National Disaster Operations Center (NDOC)

<sup>4</sup> The number of NDOC reported deaths only includes those confirmed by area hospitals and morgues. The complete number of deaths is still not known.

<sup>5</sup> Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

<sup>6</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- USAID/DART staff members emphasize the need for improved targeting and service provision to assist the approximately 200,000 IDPs living in host communities, primarily in Central, Nyanza, and Western provinces. USAID/DART assessment findings indicate that host communities are increasingly unable to support IDPs and caution that if needs are not adequately addressed, more IDPs will likely relocate to camps for assistance. On April 14, the GOK Director of Mitigation and Resettlement reported that district officials are preparing to implement a standardized registration process to more systematically identify IDPs living in host communities in the coming weeks. Teams are scheduled to begin data collection the week of April 21.

### ***Food Security***

- According to USAID's Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), food security conditions are deteriorating throughout Kenya as a result of the poor performance of the October to December short rain season and disruptions to trade and production associated with the post-election crisis, including normally food-secure areas in Rift Valley, Nyanza, and Western provinces, particularly for displaced populations. As a result, FEWS NET reports that approximately 830,000 people are in need of emergency food assistance.
- In addition, FEWS NET reports that post-election conflict, displacement, and decreased access have negatively affected the March to April planting season, reducing the total area of land normally prepared for maize by 50 percent and further compounding food security concerns. However, the normal to above normal performance of the current March to May rains will have a positive impact on crop production for areas planted.
- As of April 10, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and the GOK had jointly provided 9,675 metric tons (MT) of food assistance through KRCS to address the food needs of Kenyans affected by the post-election violence. USAID/FFP has provided approximately 50 percent of WFP and the GOK's total, which amounts to 4,634 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, valued at approximately \$5.3 million including internal transport and handling costs.

### ***Health***

- On April 10, the GOK issued a cholera outbreak alert in response to reported cases in Nyanza, Northeastern, and Rift Valley provinces, noting concern for the further spread of the disease among host communities and concentrated IDP camp populations in the region. Health officials cited poor hygiene conditions and the consumption of contaminated water as the main causes of the outbreak. As of April 16, OCHA had reported more than 1,300 cases, including 60 deaths.
- A joint GOK Ministry of Health (MOH) and U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) assessment team is evaluating conditions in Nyanza Province, where the highest concentration of cases have been reported. In addition, the MOH and WHO have distributed chlorine for the treatment of water supplies in an effort to contain the spread of the waterborne disease.

### ***Protection***

- Findings from an interagency rapid gender-based violence (GBV) assessment conducted from mid-January through February confirm an increase in incidents of sexual violence during Kenya's post-election crisis. However, the exact number of cases is unclear as a result of associated stigma and a lack of services and effective reporting mechanisms.
- The Kenya U.N. GBV sub-cluster has finalized a reporting form to record GBV incidents in IDP camps and affected areas and has initiated a series of trainings regarding standard operating procedures for addressing GBV.

### **USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- On January 3, U.S. Ambassador Michael E. Ranneberger declared a disaster due to the effects of election-related violence in Kenya. To date in FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$6.2 million in response to the crisis, assisting affected communities with health, nutrition, shelter, protection, relief commodities, and water, sanitation, and hygiene needs. The USAID/DART in Kenya is conducting humanitarian assessments in affected areas, identifying emergency needs, and coordinating the USG response in conjunction with the GOK, relief agencies, and other donors.
- USAID established a Humanitarian Task Force in Nairobi, which includes representatives from USAID/Kenya, USAID/East Africa, USAID/OFDA, USAID/FFP, the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, and other USG agencies, to facilitate information sharing and coordinate response efforts for the ongoing crisis. USAID staff will continue to conduct field assessments as security permits, liaise with relief partners, and identify emergency priority needs.
- To date in FY 2008, USAID/FFP has contributed 45,140 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance valued at nearly \$40 million to WFP emergency drought response and refugee feeding operations in Kenya. In response to the post-election crisis, WFP redirected 4,634 MT of USAID-provided food relief to KRCS for distribution to IDPs and other vulnerable groups, representing approximately 50 percent of KRCS' total food distribution to conflict-affected persons to date.
- To date in FY 2008, State/PRM has provided support to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and to Lutheran World Federation (LWF) for ongoing refugee care and maintenance projects in the Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana

District, Rift Valley Province, and to CARE for camp management and water projects in the Dadaab refugee camp in Garissa District, North Eastern Province. In response to U.N. and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeals, State/PRM has provided \$500,000 to UNHCR and \$3.4 million to ICRC using Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance funding. In FY 2007, State/PRM allocated more than \$14 million in support of refugee programs in Kenya, primarily for activities in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps.

#### USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)	Health	Nairobi	\$197,857
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Countrywide	\$198,395
CRS	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Logistics and Emergency Relief Supplies; Protection; and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Coast, Nyanza, Eastern, Western, and Rift Valley Provinces	\$2,815,081
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Rift Valley Province	\$500,000
KRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies	Countrywide	\$200,000
KRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Rift Valley Province	\$165,400
Merlin	Health	Nyanza Province	\$189,940
UNHCR	Protection; Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$773,825
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Health; Nutrition; and Protection	Countrywide	\$750,000
UNICEF	Protection	Countrywide	\$303,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$128,931
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$6,222,429</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
WFP	45,140 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$39,719,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$39,719,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
CARE	Refugee Assistance to Dadaab Camp	North Eastern Province	\$1,000,000
ICRC	IDP Protection and Assistance; Health; Shelter; and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$3,400,000
IRC	Refugee Assistance to Kakuma Camp	Turkana District, Rift Valley Province	\$1,437,236
LWF	Refugee Assistance to Kakuma Camp	Turkana District, Rift Valley Province	\$455,869
UNHCR	IDP Protection and Assistance; Camp Coordination and Management; Emergency Shelter; HIV/AIDS	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$4,050,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$10,843,105</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$56,784,534</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA and State/PRM funding represent anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 23, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

## **PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Kenya may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)